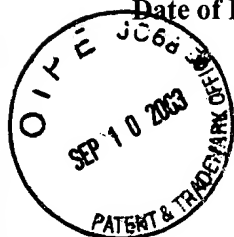


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences the Examiner's March 10, 2003 Final Office Action and August 11, 2003 Advisory Action finally rejecting each of claims 1, 29, 32, and 44-46 in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$160.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith. 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

On July 10, 2003, a Response was filed, along with a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time, which measured from the March 10, 2003 mailing date of the Final Office action in the above-identified application.

Thus, this Notice of Appeal is due on or before September 10, 2003 with a further two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-572. A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

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